

A Vision for the Canal Corridor . . .

RECREATION

- Visitors and residents have access to a quality network of blueways and greenways, natural areas, open space, parks and recreational facilities.

RESOURCE PROTECTION

- The corridor's natural, cultural, historic, and geological resources are identified and protected for the use and enjoyment of future generations.
- Residents and visitors see themselves as partners in stewardship of corridor resources.

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

- Quality information on the corridor, its history, and its resources is easily accessible to all audiences and available in a range of formats.
- Residents and visitors appreciate the corridor's resources and have opportunities to experience the region's diverse history and understand its importance to the nation.
- Visitors and residents have access to information directing them to amenities along the corridor that define and reflect the character and history of the area.

ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

- The corridor attracts sustainable residential and commercial growth while ensuring the region's character and quality of life are not compromised.
- Development and land uses are balanced and concentrated to achieve economic sustainability for individual communities as well as the region as a whole.
- An integrated transportation system provides visitors and residents with safe, efficient options for moving throughout the corridor.

COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION

- Partners work together to identify, protect, interpret, and enjoy the corridor's resources.

The Canal Corridor in 20 Years . . .

RECREATION

- A continuous trail system exists through the corridor
- Corridor open space and recreational amenities are linked

RESOURCE PROTECTION

- Historic canal resources are preserved, restored, and rehabilitated
- Historic canal structures are adaptively reused
- Expanded rehabilitation and restoration assistance is available
- Natural area aesthetics are protected
- Natural resources in the corridor support native species
- Water quality is improved
- Regional flood and stormwater management protects corridor resources
- Geologic resources are identified and protected

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

- A network of visitor centers, museums, and contact centers orient visitors to the corridor
- Visitors learn about the corridor through a variety of educational materials
- Education and research programs are expanded
- A corridor interpretive plan guides educational and interpretive programs
- Visitors clearly identify when they are in the corridor

ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

- The corridor economy is diversified and the employment base is broad
- Corridor partners are working together to increase visitation
- The corridor supports a variety of accommodations and amenities
- The corridor is actively promoted
- Signature products reinforce the corridor's identity
- Events and attractions draw visitors and increase awareness of the corridor
- Capital projects improve access to community downtowns and enhance corridor visits

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COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION

- Partners are collaborating on corridor programs and projects
- The public are active partners in corridor activities

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Local and regional governments are important corridor partners. Their land use and transportation decisions affect the corridor's resources, quality of life, and the experience of visitors. Although these activities are beyond the responsibility of the core partners, they directly affect the partners' ability to achieve shared goals. The partners support actions by local and regional governments to achieve the following goals in the corridor:

- Corridor communities have planning and design guidelines
- Communities promote mixed-use development
- A variety of housing choices are offered on corridor communities
- Commercial and industrial areas are sensitive to community character
- Communities encourage compatible land uses
- Adequate public services are available in corridor communities
- A variety of transportation opportunities exist for getting around the corridor